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SUBJECT: AGRI BUSINESS: ARID LAND DEVELOPMENT IN ALGERIA;
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REF: A) ALGIERS 1361, B) ALGIERS 1236

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONFIRMING PROPOSAL DESCRIBED REFTEL A.

2. TEXT OF NOTE, IN TRANSLATION, IS IN SUBSTANCE AS FOLLWOS: "THE
GOA WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE WITH THE USG THE STUDEY AND REALIZATION
OF TWO VERY IMPORTANT INTEGRATED PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE FRAMEWORK
OF COOPERATION REMAINS TO BE DEFINED. THE FIRST PROJECT CONCERNS
THE DEVELOPMENT BY IRRIGATION OF 20,000 HECTARES IN THE SAHARA
BY EXPLOITATION OF AVAILABLE WATER RESOURCES, IN PARTICULAR THE
ALBIAN WATER RESERVES. THE SECOND PROJECT CONCERNS THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF 3 MILLION HECTARES OF STEPPE LANDS. A PROPOSAL ALONG
THESE LINES WAS MADE TO THE AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR HELD MAY 6 - 11,
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MR. LONG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMS THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES
AS WELL AS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF PRINCIPLE, TO ALLOW THE
APPROPRIATE ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES TO BEGIN THE FIRST STUDY PHASE
AND REQUEST THE VISIT TO ALGERIA OF A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO
DEFINE THE TECHNICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE PROJECTS AND MODALITIES
OF PARTICIPATION". PARKER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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